

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

HOU, Wangqui, et al.

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For: SURFACTANT BLENDS FOR AQUEOUS  
SOLUTIONS USEFUL FOR IMPROVING  
OIL RECOVERY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 27, 2001, Invention I,  
claims 18-24, drawn to a surfactant composition, is hereby elected.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Continues composition  
claims elected, via telephone  
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